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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Compassionate and merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As this House comes together at the end of a long week, bless the work of its Members. Give them strength, fortitude, and patience. Fill their hearts with charity, their minds with understanding, and their wills with courage to do the right thing for all of America.

The work that they have is difficult work. May they rise together to accomplish what is best for our great Nation and, indeed, for all the world, for You have blessed us with many graces and have given us the responsibility of being a light shining on a hill.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FITZPATRICK led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

GENERAL AVIATION

(Mr. POMPEO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, President Obama has systematically and recklessly attacked the general aviation industry. It's one of America's last remaining great manufacturing industries, employing over 1.2 million people and contributing \$150 billion in economic activity each year. He has demonized its users and drawn a line in the sand for higher taxes.

And whom is President Obama hurting? Bill Gates? Warren Buffett? No. He's hurting line workers in Wichita, Kansas, and all over the country. He's hurting small business owners trying to get from Topeka to Des Moines to close a business deal.

These attacks on our industry are only a diversion, a distraction from the failed economic policies of this administration. His policies have left us with a \$1.6 trillion deficit this year alone and a loss of over 2 million jobs during his time in office.

Mr. Speaker, the aviation industry is not asking for a bailout like he gave the auto guys. Just leave us alone. Get out of the way. We have a community that just wants to create jobs and grow our economy. That may not be your agenda, Mr. President, but it is certainly mine.

THE CHAINED CPI

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. The latest attack on elderly beneficiaries of Social Security

is a scheme by which seniors' cost of living benefits would be cut through something called a "chained" consumer price index—the CPI—chained involves a formula which recalculates the cost of living.

The theory behind the chained CPI is that as the cost of living goes up, consumers—in this case, seniors—buy cheaper products. For example, if poor seniors cannot afford to buy and eat steak but can only afford to buy and eat cheaper cat food, their cost of living benefit would be chained to the cost of the cat food because it's cheaper than steak; and as a result, seniors will see their cost of living benefit reduced to the cheaper product and get a smaller Social Security check.

The chained CPI sets up seniors for a reduced standard of living. If you must afford less, you get less Social Security benefits.

The chained CPI, chaining seniors to poverty. It's time to break those chains.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MASTER SERGEANT KENNETH B. ELWELL

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, today I have the high honor and solemn task of rising to commemorate the life and service of Master Sergeant Kenneth Elwell, who was killed in action in Afghanistan this past Sunday.

Sergeant Elwell, who enlisted in the Army shortly after his graduation from Council Rock North High School, was killed along with a fellow infantryman by an IED during a routine foot patrol in Kandahar on the morning of July 17. He leaves behind a wife Kristen and two children, Elise and Nicholas of Fort Wainwright, Alaska; his mother Janice of Holland, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and countless other family and friends whose lives he touched.

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